

# THREE DIMENSIONAL TALES FROM THE CRYPT OF TERROR

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ON THE INSIDE!  
TWO 3-D VIEWERS!



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RIGHT EYE

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LEFT EYE



# THE 3-D CRYPT OF TERROR

HIGH, HILL, HELL, HERE IS THE HORROR IN THREE DIMENSIONS, AND THIS IS THE FIRST IN THE CRYPT OF TERROR. THE CRYPT-WALKER PLAYS TO BRING IT TO YOU IN ALL ITS SPARKING DEATHS TO GIVE A GOOD SCAR ON YOUR VISAGE, HOLD ON TO YOUR SEATBELT, AND GET READY FOR THE BLOOD-CURDLING DELIRIOUSNESS THAT...

## THE TROPHY!



CLYDE FRANKLIN WAS A BIG GAME HUNTER. THE NIGHT BEFORE HE WAS TO LEAVE ON ANOTHER EXPEDITION, A REPORTER CAME TO INTERVIEW HIM. THEY ENTERED THE TRAP ROOM...

— AND THERE ARE NO MEMORIES OF FAST HUNTING TRIPS... HE RECOGNIZES IT, HOWEVER!

HOW COULD YOU, HOW COULD YOU HAVE THESE POOR CREATURES, THEN, STARE THEIR HEADS UP, CRYING?



HOW COME, HE REASONABLE, SIR, I HUNT FOR THE PUMA, SPORT IN IT, THESE HEADS ARE MY... HE LOOKS LIKE FORTUNES...

EXACTLY! IT'S LIKE MURDER, TOO, ISN'T IT?



IF THAT'S YOUR SITUATION, I'M SURE YOU'D THE ANSWER IS NO, ANOTHER SOUND MAN... GOOD-BYE THEN!

GOOD- BYE!



THE NEXT MORNING, CLYDE FRANKLIN BEGAN TO LAUGH...

POOR FOOL! WHAT'S HE SO WORDED UP ABOUT AFTER ALL? THEY'RE ONLY ANIMALS!



THE NEXT MORNING, CLYDE PACKED HIS HUNTING GEAR INTO HIS STATION WAGON...

GOOD-BYE, DEARER! I'LL BE BACK A LITTLE WHILE, JUST FOR A MOMENT...

THANK YOU, SIR! GOOD-BYE ALSO GOOD-BYE!



CLYDE'S HUNTING EXPEDITION, THIS TIME, TOOK HIM NORTH, INTO CANADA, IN SEARCH OF CARIBOU, PUMA, MOOSE...

...OR ANY OTHER UNDESIRABLE ANIMALS THAT MIGHT CROSS HIS WILDERNESS...



DEEP IN THE CANADIAN NORTH WOODS, CLYDE MADE HIS CAMP...

THERE OUGHT TO BE PLENTY OF MOOSE AND CARIBOU AROUND HERE. TOMORROW MORNING, I'LL TRY MY LUCK...

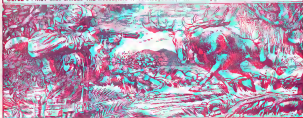


THE NEXT DAY, CLYDE TRACKED A MOOSE FOR THREE HOURS. FINALLY HE CAUGHT UP WITH HIM...

LOOK AT THESE HAZELBERRY! WHAT A TROPHY WILL MAKE!



CLYDE'S FIRST SHOT STRAID THE MOOSE, AND IT TURNED, BELLOWING. THEN, IT CHARGED...



CLYDE STOOD HIS GROUND. HE WAITED UNTIL THE MOOSE WAS ALMOST UPON HIM...WAITED TILL HE WAS SURE HE COULD HIT THE VITAL SPOT...



THEN HE FIRED. THE MOOSE WENT DOWN, BRIDGING, AND ROLLED OVER DEAD AT CLYDE'S FEET. CLYDE UNHEATHED HIS HUNTING KNIFE...

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL HEAD FOR A TROPHY MOOSE!



THE NEXT DAY, CLYDE BROKE CAMP AND CONTINUED NORTH IN HIS STATION WAGON. HE STOPPED, TURNED BACK, AT A GAS STATION...

SAY, THAT'S SOME MOOSE-HEAD YOU GOT THERE, MISTER... WHERE'S THE CARCASS?

I LEFT IT. I JUST WANTED THE HEAD... AS A TROPHY!



THE OLD GARRIGAN SHOOK HIS HEAD...

THOUGHT THAT'S A LOT OF MEAT GONE TO WASTE. FOLKS UP HERE HUNT FOR FOOD!

WELL, E. HUNT FOR SPORT!



IT WAS TOWARD EVENING WHEN IT HAPPENED. CLYDE WAS USING HIS STATION WAGON OVER A WINDING MOUNTAIN HIGHWAY WHEN HE SAW THE SPIED BOARD...



HE SLAMMED HIS FOOT DOWN ON THE BRAKES, TOO LATE. THE TWO FRONT TIRES EXPLODED AS THE SPIKES RIPPED INTO THEM. THE STATION-WAGON LUNCHED CRASHLY... DOWN OVER...



SMASHING THROUGH THE GUARD-RAIL... ROLLING DOWN THE STEEP HILL... INTO THE RAVINE BELOW.



TO CLYDE, EVERYTHING WENT BLACK, HE LAY, UNCONSCIOUS, AMID THE TWISTED STEEL... THE BROKEN GLASS... THE MOOSE-HEAD...



WHEN HE CAME TO, HE WAS LYING ON A COT IN A MUSTY CABIN. AS THE DOOR WENT CLOSED, HE HEARD THE MUFFLED THROBBING OF A MOTOR COMING FROM THE NEXT ROOM...



SUDDENLY, THE MOTOR STOPPED. THEN CLYDE HEARD ANGRY VOICES, IN THE ROOM WITH THE MOTOR.



IT SOUNDED AS IF SOMEONE WERE BEING TORTURED IN THE NEXT ROOM. THE MOTOR STARTED AGAIN. CLYDE TRIED TO GET UP...



THE DOOR TO THE NEXT ROOM OPENED. THE SOUND OF THE THROBBING MOTOR WAS LOUDER NOW, AND CLYDE HEARD ANOTHER SOUND, LIKE LIQUID BUBBLING THROUGH PIPES.



HE CAME TOWARD CLYDE, GRINNING EAGERLY...







THE ROOM WAS EMPTY ON A BARE WHITE TABLE WAS A RATHER LARGE ROUND CONTAINER. IT LOOKED LIKE A HAT BOX, ON THE FLOOR BELOW, A SMALL MOTOR THRUMBED. IT SEEMED TO BE A PUMP ARRANGEMENT, FROM AN ATTACHED TUBE, SEVERAL RUBBER TUBES RAN OFF TOWARD THE TABLE.

"...IF I HEARD THE MOTOR, AND IT WERE...  
THAT THE PERSON I HEARD MUST BE HERE TOO."



OVER THE TABLE, A BOTTLE HUNG, UPRIGHT DOWN. IT LOOKED LIKE THE KIND OF BOTTLE USED TO ADMINISTER PLASMA. A TUBE RAN FROM IT, DOWN TO THE TABLE, TOWARD THE HAT BOX.



CLYDE GRABBED HIMSELF TO THE TABLE, PAINTFULLY. HE STARED DOWN AT THE STRANGE BOX. HE SAW, NOW, THAT IT WAS ONLY A COVER...



SURELY, THE MAN IN CLYDE'S MIND CRANKED AND BOTTLED INTERIOR...

"THAT... THAT MOUTH? THAT  
PATIENT'S MOUTH? IT CAME  
FROM THAT BOX?"



CLYDE GRABBED THE HANDLE, RAISED THE COVER, AND GAZED DOWN AT THE MOST HORRIFIED SIGHTS HE'S EVER SEEN.



THERE, ON THE TABLE, WAS A LIVING BREATHING HUMAN HEAD! IT STARED AT CLYDE, WIDE-EYED...

RUN, YOU FOUL! GET AWAY FROM HERE! HE'S MAD--MAD!



CLYDE STOOD ROOTED TO THE SPOT, UNABLE TO MOVE. THE INDESCRIBABLE HORROR HE FELT HAD COMPLETELY NUMBED HIS SENSES. THE HEAD ON THE TABLE SCREAMED...

DO YOU HEAR ME? GET OUT, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE! DO YOU WANT TO END UP LIKE ME?



SUDDENLY THE HEAD'S WIDE STARING EYES LOOKED BEYOND CLYDE. HE SPUN AROUND...

IS IT YOU HAVE SUBVERTED MY LATEST THOUGHTS?

FRANKIE!



OF COURSE! FOR SEVERAL YEARS CLYDE! IN MY DREAMS! ABOUT AGONY... YOU CAN'T FORGET THE HUMAN BEINGS HEADS OF ALL MY BARKING THOUGHTS!

YOU CAN'T FORGET HUMAN BEINGS THOUGHTS APPROVED



HE CAME AT CLYDE WITH THE CHLOROPHORM-BOACED SPONGE, CLAPPING IT OVER HIS NOSE... HIS MOUTH, AND AS THE DARKNESS CLOSED IN ON CLYDE, HE HEARD THE MAD-MAN SIBBLE...

I DON'T CALL IT MURDER! I BURN FOR THE FOUR-BURNER BURN! AFTER ALL, THE MAD-MAN HUMAN BEINGS!



YEP, JO FIELDS, I DEAR DEWEATED DRIPS, THAT'S HOW CLYDE FRANKLIN LOST HIS HEAD, AND YOU'LL LOSE YOUR HEAD OVER MY NEXT TALK. SO REST YOUR EYES FOR A MOMENT,

THEREBY GIVING YOUR HEAVING STOMACH A CHANCE TO SETTLE DOWN, AND THEN I'LL BEGIN, HEADY THEN, EYES RIGHT, FOUR EYES!



THIS TALE IS A FAVORITE OF MINE. IN 3-2-1, I FEEL, READER, GO  
OFF TO CLIMB AT YOUR HEART'S AND HANDS' LEASURE UP SOME  
SPINE-ICE, CRACK IT...!

# THE STRANGE COUPLE!

YOU HAVE BEEN DRIVING FOR TWO HOURS THROUGH A  
BLINDING DOWNPOUR. AT TIMES YOU CAN HARDLY SEE  
THE ROAD AHEAD. HEADLIGHTS DON'T HELP. THEY ONLY  
REFLECT BACK FROM THE SHEETS OF DRIVING RAIN,  
GIVING THE GROSS EFFECT THAT YOU ARE FOLLOWING A  
SOLID WALL OF WATER. WAIT! THERE'S A LIGHT UP  
AHEAD, MOVING UP AND DOWN. IT'S A MAN, A STATE  
TROOPER, SIGNALING YOU TO STOP...

"YOU'LL HAVE TO TURN  
BACK, MISTER! THE  
JUNCTION IS WASHED OUT.  
GO UP AHEAD!"

"BUT I'VE GOT TO GO TO  
GET THROUGH, OFFICER!  
DON'T THERE HAVE TO BE  
WATERS?"



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"DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE  
SIDE ROAD? THERE'S A  
WATER CROSSING THE RIVER.  
SOME TWO MILES BEYOND  
THE JUNCTION, TROOPER!"

"THANKS,  
OFFICER! I'LL  
CHANGE MY  
MIND!"

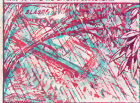


YOU BACK UP THE CAR AND SWING INTO THE  
SIDE ROAD. THE CAR BUMPS AND ROCKS AS YOU  
SHOULDER IT THROUGH THE SLASH...

THAT TROOPER WAS RIGHT!!  
THE CASE IS A BAD TRAP!!



YOU CONTINUE ON, SPLASHING, ROLLING, FOR WHAT SEEMS LIKE HOURS. YOU'RE TIRED, THE STRAIN OF DRIVING THROUGH THE DOWNPOUR IS BECOMING TO HAVE ITS EFFECT. SUDDENLY...



THE CAR LURCHES INTO A WATER-FILLED HOLE AND THE ENGINE STALLS. YOU TRY TO START BUT IT'S NO USE. YOU'RE STUCK...



STUCK IN THIS BED-OF-THORNES-OF-REEDS? WELL, THERE'S NO USE DRAGGING ANYTHING ELSE OUT HERE TO TRY TO BREAK IT OPEN...

YOU SETTLE BACK, RESIGNED TO WAITING UNTIL THE STORM ABATES, WHEN SUDDENLY, YOU SEE A LIGHT... SHINING THROUGH THE SLACK DOOR-POUR.

A FARM-HOUSE? PERHAPS THEY HAVE A PHONE!



YOU PULL YOUR COLLAR UP AROUND YOUR NECK, PULL YOUR HAT DOWN, AND BREAK FOR THE HOUSE...



IF THEY HAVE NO PHONE, PERHAPS THEY CAN PUT ME UP FOR THE NIGHT...

THE HOUSE IS OLD AND RUN DOWN. THE SHUTTERS ARE BROKEN AND CLATTER AGAINST THE WINDOWS. ICEY FINGERS GRIP YOUR SPINE AS YOU STAND BEFORE THE BATTERED DOOR...

HERE, SOMEBODY'S FORTRESSING THEMSELVES IN THIS PLACE... IS ANYONE ELSE OUT THERE?



YOU KNOW, THE HOLLOW BOOM ECHOES THROUGH THE INTERIOR. HEART POUNDERS APPROACH. THE DOOR SWINGS OPEN ON RUSTY STRAINING HINGES...

SO MANY SO MANY FORTRESSING!

NOT THE STORM?!



YOU'RE FRIGHTENED. THE WOMAN HAD A WILD  
BANTALON LOOK IN HER BURNING EYES...

YOU'RE NOT WORRIED?  
IT'S DANGEROUS FOR  
YOU HERE!  
GO AWAY!

BUT MY CAROLYN'S  
STUCK DOWN THERE!  
I NEED TO THINK!



LET THE DEEPERMAN COME!  
IN DEEPERMAN WE CLARIFY!  
TODAY I'VE FOUND A WAY ON A  
WENT LIKE THIS!

WHY, THANK YOU,  
SIR! I WAS  
WONDERING IF YOU  
COULD PUT ME UP...

OH,  
WHEN  
THERE'S  
STILL  
TIME



THE DARK TALL MAN POINTS TO HIS TEMPLE...

YOU MUSTN'T MIND MY  
WIFE, SIN SHE'S...NOT  
WELL!

OH! ENJOY!



THAT'S WHY WE LIVE OUT IN  
THIS DESERTED PLACE. I CAN  
KEEP MY EYE ON HER. I TAKE  
CARE OF HER...

I UNDERSTAND! DO  
YOU THINK EXCESS  
ON SOMETHING  
TO EAT?



THE WOMAN COINED IN A CORNER. HER DEAD EYES  
FOLLOW THE MAN AS HE SPENDS THE CELLAR DOOR.  
HE SMILES AT YOU...

SOMETHING TO EAT? OF COURSE, I'LL GO DOWN  
TO MY WIFE'S CELLAR AND BRING UP A BUNDLE  
OF MY BEST VEGGIES!



AS HIS FOOTSTEPS FADE INTO THE CELLAR, THE  
WOMAN NODS AT YOU, SLAYING YOU...

PLEASE! I'LL GO TO YOU,  
OH! YOU ARE IN GREAT  
DANGER HERE! MY WIFE  
IS...THE...WOMAN!

WOMAN!



THE WOMAN POINTS TOWARD THE CELLAR DOOR.  
BY **BLOOD** IS A **TEMPLE**?  
THAT IS WHY YOU MUST LEAVE!  
THAT **BOTTLE** HER'S BRINGING... THIS WOMAN  
UP IS **ALMOST EMPTY** IT'S... IS **MADE**  
AND **WINE**? IT'S **BLOOD**!



THE FOOTSTEPS ON THE CELLAR STAIRS MARK THE OLD WOMAN  
OF HER HUSBAND'S RETURN, AND AS SHE SCURRIES INTO THE  
SHADOWS OF THE FIREPLACE...



THE MAN PUTS THE BOTTLE ON THE TABLE, AND  
YOU STARE AT IT. IT IS **ALMOST EMPTY**... AND  
ITS CONTENTS ARE A **DEEP RED**... **BLOOD** AND...



HE JUMPS UP ANGRILY. HE FLUNG TO THE WOMAN...

YOU'VE BEEN **TALKING**...  
GO TO YOUR ROOM...  
SO **ANGLAS**...

I-T-YES, PERO...  
I-T-YES, PERO...



THE MAN RETURNS TO THE TABLE. YOU CAN SEE THAT  
HE IS **UNHAPPY**. HE POURS HIMSELF A GLASS OF **RED**  
LIQUID AND DRINKS IT **DOWN**, LICKING HIS LIPS. THEN  
HE LEANS TOWARD YOU...



YOU MUSTN'T LISTEN TO HER... SHE'S... A **SHOULDER**...  
**INSANE**... **HELPLESSLY INSANE**...  
MY WIFE IS... A **SHOULDER**...

107 FINGERS CLOSE AROUND YOUR HEART AS THE  
MAN RELATED A **STRANGE TALE**...

WE HAD A **DOG**? ONE DAY, IT **DIED**. I BURIED THE  
POOR THING IN THE GARDEN. THAT NIGHT, I WAS  
AWAKENED BY THE SOUND OF **BARKING**. I LOOKED  
OUT OF THE WINDOW!



IT WAS MY WIFE! SHE WAS DIPPING AT THE DOG'S BRAVE. WHEN I GOT DOWNSTAIRS, SHE WAS GONE. I FOUND THE CORPSE OF THE DOG PARTIALLY DEVoured!



THE MAN TAKES THE BOTTLE AND GOES INTO THE CELLAR. SUDDEnLY, BEHIND YOU THE WOMAN HIDEs FROM THE STAIRS...

HE KILLED THE DOG! HE DRANK ITS BLOOD. LOCK THE DOOR TO YOUR ROOM TONIGHT. I AM YOU! HERE! HERE'S THE KEY!



SHE SCURRIED BACK UP THE STAIRS AS THE MAN RETURNS. HE HANDS YOU A KEY...

NEVER! LOCK THE CLOSET IN YOUR I... I WILL! ROOM TONIGHT. SHE CAN GET AWAY THAT WAY IF YOU DON'T!



HE LEADS YOU UP THE CREAKING STAIRS, DOWN A LONG HALL TO A SMALL ROOM...

GOOD NIGHT, SIR. REMEMBER MY MESSAGE: THAT CLOSET! BE SURE YOU LOCK IT!



HE CLOSES THE DOOR AND YOU LISTEN TO HIS FOOTSTEPS FARE AWAY DOWN THE HALL. YOU TAKE THE KEY THAT THE WOMAN GAVE YOU FROM YOUR POCKET AND LOCK THE DOOR TO THE ROOM...

AND I'LL MAKE SURE, BY BARRICADING MYSELF IN! THERE MAY BE OTHER METHODS!







YOU LISTEN... ANOTHER VOICE... BEHIND YOU... IN THE CLOSET...

THE WOMAN IS SHEDDING  
IN BLOOD...



THEN... A THIN PENCIL POINT OF LIGHT CRAWLS THROUGH THE GLOOM OF THE GUEST'S ROOM...

THE WALL'S PARADE  
IS APPROACHING...



THE PANELS OPEN WIDER... WIDER... AND THEN...

NO! OH, NO!  
GOOD LORD, IT'S  
BOTH OF THEM!



YOU CAN'T ESCAPE! THE DOORS ARE BARRICADED. THE TWO OF THEM... THAT HORRIBLE COUPLE... ARE COMING AT YOU... THEIR EYES BURNING...

MY BROTHER IS A LINGERER... MY MOTHER IS DEAD...  
OF AN OVERDOSE OF THIS I HAVE TAKEN!



BOTH OF THEM TOLD YOU THE TRUTH! AND AS THEY COME AT YOU, YOU SCREAM. YOU CLAW AGAINST THE WALL... AND SCREAM...



SUDDENLY YOU OPEN YOUR EYES, THE LIGHTNING FLASHES...

GOOD LORD!



YOU ARE IN A CAR, THE RAIN POUNDING ON THE METAL TOP, ECHOING IN YOUR BRAIN. YOU'RE WET WITH PERSPIRATION, AND SICK...

I... I MUST HAVE BEEN DREAMING!



YOU SETTLE BACK, RESIGNED TO WAITING UNTIL THE STORM ABATES, WHEN SUDDENLY, YOU SEE A LIGHT... SHINING THROUGH THE BLACK DOWNPOUR...

A FLASH-HOODED? Perhaps THEY HAVE A FLASH?



YOU PULL YOUR COLLAR UP AROUND YOUR NECK, PULL YOUR HAT DOWN, AND BREAK FOR THE HOUSE...

IF THEY HAVE NO FLASH, PERHAPS THEY CAN PUT ME OFF FOR THE NIGHT...



THE HOUSE IS OLD AND RUN DOWN. THE SHUTTERS ARE BROKEN AND CLATTER AGAINST THE WINDOWS, HOT FINGERS GRIP YOUR SPINE. YOUR NIGHTMARE! IT'S JUST LIKE THE HOUSE IN YOUR NIGHTMARE!

WAS IT EVER ONLY A DREAM?



YOU KNOCK. THE HOLLOW BOOM ECHOES THROUGH THE INTERIOR. HEAVY FOOTSTEPS APPROACH. THE DOOR SWINGS OPEN ON RUSTY STRAINING HINGES...

GO AWAY? GO AWAY FROM HERE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

LET THE GENTLEMAN COME IN, PLEASE!



ONLY A DREAM? WELL? THEN WHAT ARE YOU FRIGHTENED OF? GO ON? GO ON IN?



AND NOW, READ HARRY BOESON'S OWN B-D-LONDON TERROR-TALE,  
TOLD IN HIS VERY OWN WORDS... MULTIPAGES IT...

# BATS IN MY BELFRY!

I FIRST FOUND OUT THAT I WAS GOING DEAF WHEN I VISITED MY FAMILY DOCTOR BECAUSE OF A PAINFUL  
EARACHE I'D BEEN HAVING. HE JUST SHOOK HIS HEAD...

"MY STORY BEGAN A YEAR AGO, WHEN THIS WILL  
GO TO YOUR EARS, BUT THE STENOGRAPHER  
WAS UNRELIABLE." IN A MOMENT OR TWO, I  
YOU WILL BE SURE DEAF.

"ARE YOU SURE, DOCTOR? ISN'T THERE  
ANYTHING YOU CAN DO? OPERATE...?"

"NO, HARRY - NOTHING CAN  
BE DONE FOR YOU THERE -  
IS THAT CLEAR?"

"I SEE. WELL...  
THANK YOU,  
DOCTOR."

I WENT HOME TO MY WIFE JOAN. I TOLD HER  
WHAT THE DOCTOR HAD SAID...

"YOU MEANT YOU WON'T  
BE ABLE TO JUST  
ANYMORE."

"HOW COULD IT? I'D  
LOSE MY VOICE. MY  
VOICE WOULD BE  
EXPRESSIVELESS."





HE THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT, THEN...  
I PROPOSE TO TRANSFER THE  
AUDITORY SYSTEM OF A BAT  
INTO YOUR BODY.

I BAT??



YES, THE BAT'S AUDITORY SYSTEM  
IS EXTRA-SENSITIVE, YOU WILL  
BE ABLE TO HEAR BETTER THAN YOU  
DID BEFORE YOU LOST YOUR HEAR-  
ING! DO YOU WANT TO CHANGE IT?

I'M DES-  
PERATE!  
I'LL TRY  
ANYTHING,  
ANYTHING!



WHEN I CAME OUT OF THE ANAESTHETIC, I LOOKED  
AROUND. I COULD HEAR! THE BAT IN THE ROOM  
SEEMED TO WHISPER. HE STOOD OVER ME. HE SPOKE

HOW DO YOU  
FEEL?

MY HEAD  
DOES JACK!



HIS VOICE SLAMMED INTO MY BRAIN. IT WAS  
HARSH AND LOUD. HE LAUGHED -

YOU'LL GET USED  
TO IT, MR. GORDON!

I... I CERTAINLY  
HOPE SO!



CAN YOU IMAGINE THE SENSATIONS HAVE YOU EVER  
TURNED ON A RADIO FULL BLAST? I RUSHED HOME  
TO TELL JOAN. AS I OPENED THE DOOR, I HEARD  
JOAN'S VOICE, UPSTAIRS, WHISPERING. I HEARD IT  
CLEARLY...

I THINK HE JUST CAME IN? I'LL  
HAVE TO HAND UP, DARLING. YES, OF  
COURSE I LOVE YOU. GOOD-NITE.



I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT. JOAN... AND ANOTHER  
WOMAN? I DECIDED NOT TO TELL HER ABOUT MY HEAR-  
ING BEING RESTORED. THAT NIGHT, I COULDN'T  
SLEEP. I GOT DRESSED AND WENT FOR A WALK...

FURRY! I HAVE THE  
STRANGEST FEELING... LIKE  
I WANT TO SCREAM!



I WALKED UNTIL DAWN. THEN I WENT HOME. JOAN WAS GONE. SHE'D TAKEN A JOB WHEN OUR MONEY'D RUN OUT...

I . FEEL... SO... SLEEPY... NOW!



ALL NIGHT, I'D FELT WIDE AWAKE. NOW, AT DAWN, A HEAVY DROWSINESS CAME OVER ME. I DON'T REMEMBER FALLING ASLEEP, BUT WHEN I AWOK...

WHAT AM I FEELING?



I WAS HANGING UPFROCK DOWN FROM THE CLOTHES POLE IN MY CLOSET. I SLIPPED TO THE FLOOR...

WHAT'S... WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?



I STAMMERED INTO THE BATHROOM AND LOOKED AT MYSELF IN THE MIRROR...

HAIR TINY-FINE-GRAY HAD GROWN ON MY FOREHEAD, MY NOSE...



I SHAVED CAREFULLY, CLEARING MY FACE OF THE SILKEN GROWTH. THEN I SHOWERED...

WHAT THE...? A MEMBRANE GROWING ACROSS MY ARMPIT!



I DRESSED QUICKLY AND RUSHED TO JOHN BAYNE'S HOUSE. WHAT MANNER OF FRIEND HAD HE SENT ME TOT AS I FLUNG OPEN THE DOOR...

GET OUT! GO AWAY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE, I'M AN ANIMAL!

JOHN! GOOD LORD!



JOHN'S ROOM WAS DIMLY LIT. HIS FELINE EYES GLOWED WITH AN ORB YELLOW LIGHT. HE HIDE IN A CORNER, WHITE PICKED-UP BONES AROUND HIM...

THAT HORRIBLE FIGHT, HARRY HE DID SOMETHING TO ME. THERE AREN'T CAT'S EYES. THEY'RE THE EYES OF A PANTHER. AND I CAN'T HELP MYSELF. I HAVE AN INSTINCTS GIVE TO KILL!

LOAN  
HELP  
DIE!



JOHN SHAPED ON A LIGHT...

LOOK AT ME! LOOK! I'M EVEN BEGINNING TO TURN INTO A PANTHER! DON'T GO TO HIM, MARY! DON'T.

IT'S LATE  
TOO LATE!



JOHN SHAWED. I GOT OUT. AND THAT NIGHT, AS I WALKED, I BEGAN TO UTTER SHORT SMALL SOUNDS. I LISTENED TO THEIR SOUNDS. I WAS USING THE BAT'S RADAR-LIKE DEVICE...

THAT EXPLAINS THE SOUND OF FREEL BY FALLING ASLEEP IN THE CLOSET, "GODDAMN" C'N TURNING INTO A BAT!



WHEN I GOT HOME, TOWARD DARK...

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ALL NIGHT AND YOU WEREN'T HOME LAST NIGHT? WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

I GOT A JOB  
NIGHT WORK!



GOOD, THEN I'LL QUIT MYNE TODAY!

IF YOU'RE  
I'M IN A FIVE  
I'M GOING TO LUNCH!



JOHN LEFT, AND I STAMMERED TO THE CLOSET. I SWUNG IT OPEN, SQUEALING...





When I awoke, I heard voices in the bedroom beyond Joan's voice... and a man's...

**ARE YOU SURE ABOUT  
HIS FINANCIAL POLICY?**

**(POSITIVE LEADS)  
THE LAST PREMIUMS  
STILL IN EFFECT?  
\$25,000? WE COVER  
OUT WHEN HE WAS  
\$751,800000000?**

I understand, however, that...

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**I FLUNG OPEN THE CLOSET DOOR AND RAN, SCREAMING, FROM THE HOUSE....**

THEY WERE ALIVE! HE  
HEARD. HE'LL GO  
TO THE POINT.

**ALL STAR MOM  
OF THE MONTH**

JOAN'S LOVER CAME AFTER ME. I HAD, uttering those little small sounds that warned me of forces and sound alike and near-by streets.

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AND AS I RAN, I SAW THE SHARP TEALINE SPREAD FROM MY FINGERTIPS WHERE HAYLA HAD ONCE BEEN. *Reverend*™

AND THERE'S BOY.  
HAPPY, I'LL LEAVE YOU.

And then, I felt the power jet from behind my legs. I felt the hair covering my face. I felt a warm strength. I stretched myself.

THE HAPPIEST TIMES OF  
A MARRIAGE ARE  
WHEN BOTH PARTIES  
ARE 2000  
YEARS  
OLD

HE LAY SPRAWLED GROTESQUELY ON THE COBBLE-  
STONES. I STOOD OVER HIM, STARING DOWN AT THE  
TWO PUNCTURE MARKS IN HIS THROAT— I'D DRAINED  
HIS BLOOD...

"I'M NOT, JUST THE  
ORDINARY SAT!"



"I'M A MURDERER, SAT!"



JOAN SAT UP EAGERLY AS I CAME IN...

"WELL, ED DID YOU TAKE  
CARE OF **MR. HARRY**?"

"I KILLED HIM, JOAN! I KILLED  
YOUR LOVER..."



I SPRANG AT JOAN...

"I KILLED HIM, JOAN!  
HAD PLANNED TO KILL ME!  
AND NOW I MUST KILL  
YOU TOO..."

"NO, HARRY! NO!"



HIS THROAT WAS WHITE AND SOFT... NOT LIKE  
MINE. AFTER I'D FINISHED, I REALIZED...

"NOW I'M NOT TO GO AWAY AND MURDER!"



"AND SEE I'VE JUST PLANE... THE MURDER  
COPPER IN THE MURDERING... THIS IS MY HUSBAND.  
PLEASE, WHAT DO I DO WITH THE BODY THAT OCCURRED  
IT BEFORE I CAN, YOU ARE OK, I THOUGHT IT TO  
AM FINE, I CAN, PLEASE DON'T MURDER COPPER!"





# The THING FROM THE GRAVE!

JAMES BARRY AND WILLIAM PERTH WERE BOTH IN LOVE WITH THE SAME GIRL, LAURA MARON. JIM WAS KIND... CONSIDERATE ... A GENTLEMAN. BILL WAS BRAZEN ... FUN LOVING ... AND AT TIMES, LAURA WAS ALMOST AFRAID OF HIM... AND SO, WHEN JIM PROPOSED TO LAURA...

MARRY ME, LAURA! I KNOW I CAN MAKE YOU HAPPY!

BUT, JIM, WHAT ABOUT BILL? I ... I DREAD THE THOUGHT OF WHAT HE'LL DO WHEN HE FINDS OUT



DON'T WORRY, LAURA, BILL WILL HAVE TO TAKE IT LIKE A MAN, AFTER ALL... ALL'S THAT FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR, YOU KNOW?

ABSOLUTELY! BUT THERE'S ONE THING YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT BILL... HE'S A REAL GENTLEMAN!



AND LAURA DIDN'T KNOW HOW RIGHT SHE WAS ABOUT BILL. YES, HE WASN'T THE TYPE TO GIVE UP EASILY. HE WANTED LAURA ... DESPERATELY...

AND I'LL GET HER, TOO, EVEN IF I HAVE TO KILL YOU, JAMES BARRY!



Laura and Jim were married, and for two weeks they were very happy. Then, business called Jim out of town for a few days...

I'LL BE BACK BY THURSDAY! BE LATELY, PLEASE!

OH, JIM, I'M AFRAID I HATE TO BE LEFT ALONE. I KEEP THINKING OF GAIL AND WHAT HE MIGHT DO...

WELL, DON'T GO ANYWHERE TO YOU, LAURA. REMEMBER, I PROMISE THAT IF EVER YOU ARE IN DANGER, NO MATTER WHERE I AM, I'LL GET TO YOU, SOMEHOW, AND SAVE YOU!

YOU'RE JOINING WITH ME, JAMES, BARRY, AND I'VE BEEN SENSIBLE.

JIM BURNED THE CAR AND SPED AWAY...

SO HAVE I, LAURA! GO HOME, LILY!

PLEASE, JACK, JIM!

JIM'S CAR SPED ALONG THE DARK COUNTRY ROAD, ITS HEADLIGHTS SWEEPING THROUGH THE BLACKNESS. SUDDENLY, A FIGURE LOOMED AHEAD...

THAT'S THE...

JIM SLAMMED ON THE BRAKES. THE CAR SKIDDED TO A STOP, ITS TIRES SCREECHING...

CRAZY FOOL! I COULD HAVE KILLED YOU! WHO...

IT'S ME, JIM! DON'T FIGHT!

AS THE SHADY FIGURE MOVED TOWARD THE CAR, JIM SAW THE GLINT OF SHINY STEEL...

GOOD LORD! HE'S GOT A KNIFE! HE'S GOING TO KILL ME!

THE EDGING OF A STRUGGLE, ECHOING OVER THE  
DESERTED COUNTRYSIDE, ENDED WITH A SHRIEK  
AND A DULL THUD. JIM SLUMPED OVER THE  
WHEEL...

AND NOW, LAURA IS  
MINE... ALL MINE!



BILL PULLED THE BODY OF HIS MURDERED  
FRIEND FROM THE CAR AND CARRIED IT INTO  
THE WOODS...

NOT TO GET RID OF THE BODY  
WHERE NO ONE WILL EVER FIND  
IT... NOT TO BURY IT, BUT  
IN THESE WOODS...



THE TIME, THE SOUND OF A SPADE STRIKING  
SOFT EARTH EDGED INTO THE NIGHT...

SORRY TO GIVE YOU SUCH A CRUDE BURIAL,  
JIM, OL' BOY, BUT IT'S THE BEST I CAN  
DO UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES...



SPOOK, A BAKING HOLE WAS OPENED IN THE FOREST  
FLOOR AND JIM'S STIFF CORPSE WAS DROPPED  
IN...

HOW TO EATEN THE DAIRY...



LATER, THE SLEEK FORM OF JIM'S AUTO HURLED  
OVER A CLIFF INTO A DEEP LAKE...

IT'LL SINK INTO THE MUD BOTTOM,  
AND THEY'LL NEVER FIND IT...



AND SO, THE JOB WAS DONE. WEEKS WENT BY, AND  
THE TIME CAME FOR BILL TO SEE LAURA...

IT'S OVER A MONTH NOW,  
LAURA, HE'LL SEE YOU.  
HE'LL PROBABLY FIND  
ANOTHER WOMAN...

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE THAT,  
BILL. SOME-  
THING'S HAPPENED TO JIM.  
I FEEL IT.





BALL THROVE LAURA INTO THE WINDOWLESS ROOM AND LOCKED THE DOOR...

THEY'LL NEVER FIND WHAT'S LEFT OF YOU, LAURA. ONLY ASHES... BLACK WHISPERY ASHES...

HELP! HELP!



AS THE SMOKE CURLED IN UNDER THE LOCKED DOOR, AND LAURA HEARD THE GRACKLING OF FLAMES AND FELT THE HEAT BEHIND, SHE SCREAMED...



IT WAS AN EAR-SPLITTING SCREAM THAT SHATTERED THE STILLNESS OF THE FOREST, BEVERAGE-AFIRE FROM TREE TO TREE, ROCK TO ROCK...



AND SOMEWHERE OUT UNDER THE SOFT EARTH THAT COVERED IT, THE THING STIRRED... THEN PUSHED A DECAYING AND GOTTING HAND UPWARD INTO THE NIGHT...



SLOWLY, THE EARTH GAVE WAY AS THE THING PUSHED UPWARD, GLAWING. THE CLEAN FRESH AIR SQUEEZED DOWN...INTO ITS SHALLOW GRAVE...



IT GOT TO ITS FEET CLUNGSLIKE...STOOD DIRECT IN THE MOONLIGHT, IT LIFTED ITS HEAD, LISTENING IT HAD HEARD A SCREAM...A SCREAM THAT HAD MADE IT SEEK THE OPEN AIR...



IT MOVED FORWARD AT A STUMBLING PACE, ITS ROTTED LEGS...ITS BRIGHTER EYES...THE DECAYED FLESH THAT CLUNG HERE AND THERE TO WHITTENED BONE...MOVED THROUGH THE UNDER-  
BRUSH...



OUTSIDE THE FLAMES EATEN CABIN, BILL TURNED TO SEE IT COMING FROM THE FRINGE OF THE TREES... STUMBLING...STAGGERING...



THE THING DID NOT SEE BILL. IT MOVED TOWARD THE CABIN. BILL PUT HIS HAND OVER HIS MOUTH HE WAS SICK. HE WHIMPERED...



THE THING WENT INTO THE FIRE. IT DID NOT FEEL THE FLAMES LICKING AT ITS TATTERED CLOTHES...ITS ROTTED FLESH. IT WAS DEAD. IT COULD FEEL NOTHING...



AFTER A FEW MOMENTS, IT CAME OUT. ITS HAIR WAS BIRDED...ITS DECAYED FLESH WAS CHARRED. WHERE THE FIRE HAD TOUCHED THE BONE, IT WAS BLACK AND SCORCHED. IT CARRIED THE GIRL...



IT PUT THE GIRL DOWN ON THE COOL GRASS FAR FROM THE BURNING CABIN. AND THEN IT TURNED TOWARD THE HYSTERICAL SHREeking THAT CAME FROM THE REARBY WOODS...





SLOWLY IT SHAMBLED AFTER BILL AS HE  
CRASHED, SCREAMING, THROUGH THE THICK  
UNDERBUSH...

HE'S COMING  
AFTER ME!

SCOW

SUDDENLY, BILL STUMBLED INTO A TANNING  
BLACK HOLE...

GOOD LORDS-A-LE!  
I'M IN A GRAVE! I'M IN A GRAVE!

THE THING WAS UPON HIM NOW, PUNING HIM  
DOWN. BILL TRIED TO STRUGGLE, BUT THE  
THING WAS STRONG. IT HELD HIM EASILY...

NO! NO!

AND THEN THE THING BEGAN, WITH ONE ROTTEN  
AND DECAYED HAND, TO REFILL THE GRAVE... SCOPING  
UP IN THE DIRT AGAIN... BURYING THEM...

NO! I'M ALIVE! I'VE  
GONE! BURY ME! I'M  
CHOKED! I'M DEAD!

BILL'S SCREAMS... WILD, TERRORIZED, HYSTERICAL SCREAMS... ECHOED  
INTO THE NIGHT AS THE DIRT FELL INTO HIS EYES AND FILLED HIS  
MOUTH. AND THEN, AFTER A WHILE, THE SCREAMING STOPPED...

THE  
END!

WELL, FRIENDS, FOR YOUR  
ETERNAL BACK-OF-THE-  
SOCKETS, YOU'VE HAD THE  
HORROR OF A BURNING  
HOPE YOU LIVED IT. LOOK  
FOR MORE... E.C. 110  
MADE AT YOUR FAVORITE  
NEWSSTAND. AND LOOK FOR  
E.C. 110S AT ALL LINES,  
YOKO! NOW IT'S TIME TO GO

CLOSE YOUR  
EYES! GRIFFY  
OF TERROR!  
"EYE!  
PLEASANT  
SCREAMS!



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